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Maha Rajas in various important capacities. As the chief avenue to Government employment in recent years has been the passing of University Examinations, they had been crowded out by other races possessing the special aptitude of passing literary tests. Even in departments where energy, independence, force of character and promptness of decision were more necessary than mere literary skill, they had been steadily ousted. Large numbers of their young men were being forced to seek service elsewhere. He therefore requested that the defect in the educational system be remedied and greater scope and encouragement given to their young men. He also referred to the humiliating treatment accorded to the members of the community in the matter of invitations to public Darbars and State entertainments, in which all communities except theirs were asked to participate. All respectable foreigners and strangers, whether European, Eurasian or Indian, were being invited to such functions; while the members of their community, however high their official or social position might be, were completely ignored if they happened to be born in Travancore, as if it were a disgrace or a crime to be born within its boundaries. Such invidious distinctions did not obtain in British territory and in the sister State of Cochin.

Dewan's reply.—The member's suggestions are noted.

88. *Poor-houses.*

Mr. S. Swamy Iyengar (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) suggested that poor-houses be established for the destitute, the blind and the cripple.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion made by the member will be noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 2 P. M. and met again at 3 P. M.

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CARDAMOM HILLS DISTRICT.

89. *Periyar bridge and Kanjirapalli-Kumili road.*

Mr. F. W. LeFeuvre (Member, Central Travancore Planters' Association) said that the work on the Periyar bridge had been going on for about 8 years and that his Association would be glad if Government would give them an assurance as to how soon the bridge would be open to cart traffic. The bridge has become a matter of the most vital importance in consequence of the opening and shutting of flood-gates at the Periyar Dam. Without any notice to them, under prevailing conditions, pending the completion of the bridge, they were liable to be completely

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